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REQUIREMENTS OF
MEXICAN FRUITFLY REGULATIONS REIMPOSED

Introductory Note

Due to the finding of a small number of adult Mexican fruitflies in the Texas area regulated on account of this insect, permit requirements covering the interstate movement therefrom of regulated citrus fruits have been ordered resumed on February 9, 1948. These permit requirements were temporarily suspended at the beginning of the harvest season on September 1, 1947, pending reappearance of adult infestation. Grove inspection and sanitation procedures and the requirements for packing-house operation have continued while permit requirements were suspended.

This action is for the purpose of revoking requirements that are needed to assure against spread of the Mexican fruitfly when it is present in adult form and likely to lay eggs on citrus fruit of the current season's crop. Restoration of the requirements is therefore necessary as soon as surveys or traps disclose the first appearance of adults of this insect. The first few adults of the season were observed recently. To accomplish the purpose for which they are intended these requirements must be restored immediately. For the reasons stated, it is found upon good cause, pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the Administrative Procedure Act (60 Stat. 238), that notice and public procedure on this order are unnecessary, impracticable, and contrary to the public interest, and good cause is found for issuing the order effective less than thirty days after publication.

§ 301.64-3f Administrative instructions ordering the resumption of permit requirements for interstate movement of citrus fruits from the regulated area.--
The Chief of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, having determined that natural conditions exist with respect to the area regulated by Notice of Quarantine No. 64 on account of the Mexican fruitfly (7 CFR 1945 supp. 301.64 to 301.64-7, incl.) which make it necessary to resume all permit requirements relative to interstate movement of regulated citrus fruits from the regulated area to prevent dissemination of this insect, hereby restores all permit requirements for the interstate movement of such fruits from such regulated areas, effective 12:01 a.m., February 9, 1948, until due notice of the lifting of such permit requirements shall have been given.

These administrative instructions cancel and supersede B.E.P.Q. 565, effective September 1, 1947 (12 F.R. 5833).

(Sec. 8, 37 Stat. 318, 39 Stat. 1165, 44 Stat. 250; 7 U. S. C. 1940 ed. 161; 7 CFR, 1945 Supp., § 301.64-3 (a).)

Done at Washington, D. C., this 4th day of February 1948.

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